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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Anna Small left Monday on a business trip to Kentucky in the interests of the Owosso Casket Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McGowan, Adams street, left Tuesday for Gulfport, Fla., Mrs. George Vance, of Ionia, will accompany them.

Circuit court has been adjourned by Judge Collins for two weeks, while he is in Howell. On his return he will take up chancery cases.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seigrist, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Finch and Mrs. V. S. Mattoon left Monday for Claremont, Fla. They expect to return about May 1.

Edwin Jewell and Mrs. Donna Zerbe of Durand, have obtained a marriage license and were married Saturday. The groom last week received a divorce decree against his first wife on grounds of desertion.

A petition has been filed in probate court yesterday asking for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of Phillip Kline of Durand. He left an estate of \$11,300. His widow and one son are the heirs.

Thomas Hicks, of Durand, has entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Maurice Curtis, in the paper and twine business on Ball street. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks will reside at the Curtis home on North Washington street.

Charles W. Palmer, 85 years old, died Sunday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William B. Smith, 526 East Exchange street. He had been ill for some time with cancer. The funeral was held at the home Tuesday afternoon.

Frederick Gould, formerly of Owosso, who has been associated with the Detroit Trust Co., for the past two months, has accepted the position as manager of the bond department in the Detroit office of the Paine, Webber & Co., Investment Bankers.

Verne Eldridge of this city, was arrested by Chief Hodges Friday and taken to Lansing by state constabulary members on a charge of larceny. It is alleged that he stole an overseas veteran's uniform and has been wearing it.

Mrs. Hester Mitchell, 85 years old, widow of William Mitchell, died Dec. 4, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Van Dyne, North Saginaw street. A complication of diseases caused her death. A brief funeral service was held at the Van Dyne home Saturday morning after which the remains were taken to Coldwater for burial.

The Owosso Delphian Chapter will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday evening, December 16, at the public library at 7:30. The chapter will remain open for two more meetings. For information regarding membership communicate with Mrs. Anna Swartzmiller, 415 North Ball street. Members please be prompt. Any out-of-town Delphians always welcome.

The members of the choir of the Church of Christ enjoyed a six-course banquet Friday evening at the church on the corner of Oliver and Hickory streets, celebrating the first anniversary of the organization of the choir. Following the repast, Mrs. H. F. Manahan acted as toastmistress and short talks were given by members of the choir including the director, E. F. Hayward. Rev. Draper also responded.

Mrs. Leola J. Stewart of Durand, widow of the late E. J. Stewart, died Monday at the home of her nephew, William Vreeland, North Ball street. Death resulted from a paralytic stroke sustained about three months ago.

Mrs. Stewart was 68 years old. She was born in Corunna and had spent her entire life in that place and in Durand. A member of the M. E. church at Durand, she was for years very active in church work. She was also a member of the King's Daughters and the Eastern Stars.

The funeral was held Thursday.

Mrs. Amanda Wicking, widow of A. B. Wicking, died at her home in Corunna last night as the result of a stroke of paralysis, sustained some time ago. She was born in the state of New York but over 50 years of her life have been spent in this county, the last twelve years in Corunna. She is survived by six children, Mrs. G. M. Beemer, Mrs. Carrie McBride and Mrs. Anna Harmon, of Corunna; Mrs. DeWitt Jenney, of Owosso; Mrs. D. C. Smith of Detroit, and Mrs. Jacob Zimmerman of Flint.

The funeral was held Wednesday at the M. E. church, and interment at Pine Tree cemetery.

C. Edwin Chisholm, manager for the Owosso Sugar company at Ashley, died Tuesday of pneumonia after two days illness. He was thirty-six years of age and leaves a wife and one child. Mr. Chisholm suffered a severe attack of the flu last winter and was then in a very critical condition. He has never fully recovered and his sudden death, was probably due, at least in part to his sickness of last year.

Probably no man in Ashley was better known or more highly respected than Mr. Chisholm. He was a director in the First State Bank of Ashley and was very well liked by all whom he met. His death will be a decided blow to the business and community interests of the town.—Ithaca Herald.

City taxes are now due and all can have the privilege of paying at any time beginning Monday next.

Mrs. Carl Holmes, of St. Johns, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ballard, Adams street, yesterday.

Farmers in the vicinity of Henderson are to meet on Saturday evening, Dec. 18, to organize a Live Stock Shipping Association.

Frank H. Watson of Detroit, shook hands with friends in the city Wednesday, coming over from Lansing, where he had been on legal business.

City Engineer Raymond, who is city sewer inspector, has reported to the city commission that some plumbers in the city are not living up to the terms of the ordinance requiring that all sewer work be inspected. The matter has been referred to Mayor Wright.

The fuel administration order has closed part of Owosso's factories this week, and part of them are working on short time. About eight hundred employees are affected by the shut down which it is hoped will not last but a day or two longer.

Mrs. Wiggins, County Chairman of the Red Cross Christmas Seal Drive requests all chairmen of the county to meet her at Christian's Tea room, Saturday 13. All those selling Red Cross Seals and holding money, are requested to check up with their chairman as soon as possible.

T. E. Stebbins has purchased the two-family apartment house on North Washington street of J. H. Laverock. He intends to occupy part of it after next spring, but will occupy rooms on North Dowsy street for the winter, having sold his home on North Shawassee street.

At the regular meeting of the King's Daughters the circle voted to accept the generous offer of the Lincoln theatre management for Friday, Dec. 19, giving the entire proceeds for Christmas work among the needy. The war tax will be exempt, as the entire receipts will go to charity. The picture will be Dorothea Green, in "Forest Rivals."

HOW SALE OF STONES BY THE "YARD" WORKS OUT IN ENGLAND.

—Visitors to the pretty county of Buckinghamshire are much interested in certain women working in the fields, who appear to be exceedingly busy picking up some objects which they place in a large square wooden box, says London Answers.

These women are engaged in picking up flints, which are used for repairing the roads, Buckinghamshire having no quarries from which it can obtain road material. The square wooden box into which the women pitch the stones is a measure called a "yard." This name is probably given to it because it is a measure a yard square by a yard deep, there being no bottom to the boxlike structure.

The farmer pays the women for gathering the stones and sells them later to the district council. Now comes the truly Bucks spirit for saving the ratepayer's money. Instead of counting the "yards," as they stand in the fields, the road authorities have them all heaped into a cart and removed to where they are needed on the roads. Here they are dumped down by the roadside in immense mounds. Before the farmers are paid these heaps of flints have to be again measured into "yards" by old roadmen.

These roadmen are deserving fellows and it is up to the authorities to see that they are kept employed. Perhaps that is the reason why the "yards" are not counted on the field.

How Leprosy Has Dwindled.

Most of the leprosy of the world is in Asia and Africa, though it is found in South and Central America, in South Russia, Greece, Turkey and Spain and on the shores of the Baltic. The disease still lingers in Norway and Iceland, and is not uncommon in Australia and Hawaii, where it was supposedly carried by the Chinese. It was anciently prevalent in all the known world, and in the middle ages was extensively diffused in Europe. Every considerable city on the continent had its leper house, and in England at one time there were 95 religious hospitals for people thus afflicted. In the fifteenth century, however, it underwent a sudden and remarkable diminution and has now virtually disappeared from civilized lands. Most of the cases in this country are of Norwegian origin and are found in the northern tier of our western states.

Seek Perfection.

Aim at perfection in everything, though in most things it is unattainable; however, they who aim at it and persevere will come much nearer to it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable.—Chesterfield.

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